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Freeway resurfacing project starts Monday

Night work and reduced speeds will be used on job between Sullivan and Idaho

On Monday, June 16, construction crews will begin appearing on Interstate 90 between the Sullivan Road Interchange and the Idaho border. Work will be getting underway on a major resurfacing project for this 7 ½ mile section.

While asphalt paving is the primary component of this project, the first items of work will be on the shoulders and in the median. Crews will be grading and reshaping the shoulders and median plus removing traction sand that has accumulated in those areas.

In July, actual pavement operations will get underway. The existing pavement surface will be removed and a new layer of asphalt will be installed. The pavement resurfacing will eliminate the “ruts” that have developed over the years as a result of studded tire usage

Another aspect of the project will be several short pavement test sections. These short sections will have several different pavements to test the materials resilience to studded tire wear. Three of these sections will be concrete and two will have an asphalt surface.

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Night and Weekend Lane Reductions: This section of Interstate 90 can be very busy. In order to accommodate the traveling public as much as possible, work operations that require lane reductions will be scheduled only at night (7 p.m. to 6 a.m.) or all hours during weekends. All travel lanes will be open during daytime hours on weekdays.

Variable Speed Limits: This project will also make use of variable speed limits. When lane reductions are in place, the legal speed will be dropped to 55 m.p.h. Motorists need to be extremely alert for speed limit changes. Speed limit signs will be in place to note the exact location of the speed limits during working hours. This is another strategy to keep traffic moving as efficiently as possible.

Motorists need to be alert at all times, however. The contractor may be working on the shoulders or in the median at any time and shoulder restrictions may be in place with personnel and equipment adjacent to the roadway. Slow traffic and congestion may occur. Often, this is the result of motorist curiosity in the work that is underway.

When finished, the pavement surface should be smooth and new, recessed reflective lane markers will be in place. The entire project should be completed by early August.

Inland Asphalt Company of Spokane is the prime contractor on this \$1.68 million project.

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